

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 and 14 are pending in this application. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 4 and 6. Claim 14 has been amended. Claims 5 and 18 have been canceled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks below, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Claims 4, 5 and 14 stand objected to because of informalities. Claims 4 and 14 have been amended to correct the informalities, as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 5 has been canceled. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 14 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Amended claim 14 recites "a computer" that includes "a processor" configured to produce a scenario by incorporating acquired print setting information into the parameters of a template. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14, as amended, recites statutory subject matter. Claim 18 has been canceled, obviating the rejection of claim 18.

Claims 5, 14 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0083131 to Machida ("Machida"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 14 has been amended to include all elements listed in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 4 and 6. Office Action at 6-7. In view of the amendments, applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is allowable over Machida for at least the same reasons that claims 4 and 6 are allowable. Claims 5 and 18 have been canceled, obviating the rejections of claims 5 and 18.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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